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Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request information on the status of this application.

The last communication from the Office on this application was the Notice of Publication mailed on March 3, 2002. No Office Action has yet been received, though the application is now 16 months old.

Respectfully submitted,

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